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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT

1. BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT ANNEMARIE RENGGER (SPD) AND PARTY PLAN TO ARRIVE BY AIR IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7, IN KEEPING WITH THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT AND ACCEPTED BY RENGGER. WHETHER THE PARTY WILL ARRIVE AT ANDREWS BY LUFTWAFFE 707 OR DULLES BY LUFTHANSA HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

2. THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF 5 OTHER BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES: TWO FROM THE SPD (PERHAPS WEHNER AND APEL THOUGH WEHNER IS UNLIKELY), TWO FROM THE CDU/CSU (PERHAPS CARSTENS AND STUECKLEN), AND ONE FROM THE FDP (PERHAPS MISCHNICK); AND FOUR OR SO STAFF MEMBERS; BUNDESTAG DIRECTOR SCHELLKNECHT, A MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG'S OFFICE OF PROTOCOL (PROBABLY SCHWUEPPE), A PRESS SPOKESMAN AND THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AIDE.

3. AS THE PRESIDENT HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO RELY ON THE GERMAN PRESS CORPS IN WASHINGTON, NO PRESS WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY. THUS THE ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE ABOUT TEN.

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4. SHOULD THE SCHEDULE PERMIT, FRAU RENGGER WOULD LIKE

TO VISIT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, PERHAPS FLYING UP AND BACK IN ONE DAY, EITHER THE 9TH OR 10TH, AND PLANS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 11. MOST OF THE PARTY WILL RETURN TO GERMANY ON GOOD FRIDAY BUT FRAU RENGGER PLANS TO SPEND FOUR OR FIVE MORE DAYS IN THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH SHE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHERE AND WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS. THE GERMAN EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND HOTELS IN WASHINGTON.

5. USAREUR COMMANDER, GENERAL DAVISON, INTENDS TO INFORM DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER OF THE VISIT IN THE HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS BEEN VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN GERMANY.

6. FRAU RENGGER WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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